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**APPLICATION**  
**FOR THE**  
**INDIANA SUPREME COURT**

**(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)**  
**Deadline – Wednesday, June 30, 2010**

I. Provide your:

A. Full legal name and any former names.

**Steven Roy Nation**

B. Current home and office addresses, including email addresses and telephone numbers.

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**317.776.9655**

C. Date and place of birth.

**March 15, 1950; Indianapolis, Indiana.**

D. Complete a State Police release form printed on green paper. Include the release only with the original application and not with the copies.

**(Submitted by USPS on June 10, 2010.)**

II. Attach a recent photograph of you to the front of the original application and to each copy of your application.

III. A. State in what county you currently reside and since what date.

**I currently reside in Hamilton County, Indiana, and have since 1977.**

B. List all previous counties of residence, with dates.

**Marion County, Indiana: 1950-1969**

**Monroe County, Indiana: 1969-1972**

**Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington: 1972-1973**

**Marion County, Indiana: 1973-1977**

**Hamilton County, Indiana: 1977 to present**

C. When were you admitted to the Indiana Bar?

**I was admitted to the practice of law in Indiana and the Federal system on October 21, 1975. I was admitted before the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D.C., on December 10, 1979.**

D. Are you currently on active status?

**Yes.**

E. What is your attorney number?

**My Attorney Number is 9572-29.**

- IV. A. List below all colleges and universities you attended other than law schools. Attach a certified transcript from each to the original application and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it before copying.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Enrolled</u>	<u>Degree or Certificate</u>
<b>Indiana University, Extension at Indianapolis</b>	<b>1968-1969</b>	<b>Transfer to Bloomington</b>
<b>Indiana University, Bloomington</b>	<b>1969-1972</b>	<b>A.B. Political Science, Minors in Math &amp; History</b>

- B. List below all law schools and post-J.D. programs attended. Attach a certified transcript from each to the original application and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it before copying.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Enrolled</u>	<u>Degree and Class Rank</u>
<b>University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, Washington</b>	<b>1972- 1973</b>	<b>Transferred, Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis</b>
<b>Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis</b>	<b>1973- 1975</b>	<b>J.D.</b>
<b>Attorney and Prosecutors Continuing Legal Education</b>	<b>1976- 1995</b>	<b>Various Courses</b>
<b>University of Virginia School of Law, FBI National Law Institute</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>Prosecution Course</b>
<b>National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>General Jurisdiction Course</b>
<b>National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>Decision Making Course</b>
<b>Judges Continuing Legal Education</b>	<b>1995 to Present</b>	<b>Various Courses</b>
<b>Indiana Judicial College</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Judicial Courses Graduate</b>

- C. Describe any academic honors, awards, and scholarships you received and when.

**I received the highest grade in Criminal Procedure under Professor Andrew Kerr (1975).**



- V. A. Provide your employment history since graduation from college, including titles or positions, locations, and dates.

**Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office**  
**Investigator; Noblesville, Indiana**  
**May, 1972 through September, 1972**

**Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, Internship Program**  
**Special Deputy Prosecutor; Noblesville, Indiana**  
**1974 through 1975**

**Campbell Kyle Proffitt**  
**Law Clerk; Noblesville, Indiana**  
**May, 1975 through November, 1975**

**Kitley Schreckengast & Davis**  
**Attorney/General Practitioner in Civil & Criminal cases representing**  
**Plaintiffs and Defendants; Beech Grove, Indiana**  
**November, 1975 through February, 1977**

**Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office**  
**Chief Trial Deputy Prosecutor; Noblesville, Indiana**  
**February, 1977 through December, 1978**

**Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office**  
**Prosecuting Attorney; Noblesville, Indiana**  
**January, 1979 through December, 1994 (Served 4 elected 4-year terms)**

**Hamilton Superior Court No. 1**  
**Judge; Noblesville, Indiana**  
**January, 1995 to Present (Serving in the third elected 6-year term)**

B. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your practice of law, present and former, and provide the names of your partners, associates, office mates, and employers.

***Investigator for the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office:*** I received and reviewed all Citizen Complaints and where appropriate initiated and coordinated criminal investigations through the proper police agencies. I also reviewed all Investigatory Reports and worked with the police agencies to determine whether charges should be filed or if additional investigation was warranted. When charges were to be filed, I drafted Charging Informations and Probable Cause Affidavits for presentation to the Prosecutor/Deputy Prosecutor for filing with the court. My associates were Arvin Foland, Gregory Caldwell, and Richard Hand. My employer was Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney C. Donald Dawson.

***Special Deputy Prosecutor in Hamilton County:*** In addition to the duties shown above, I tried 140 Bench Trials. I conducted Grand Jury Proceedings toward the end of my employment. I also developed a procedure with the Justices of the Peace for determination of Probable Causes and Arraignments (now Initial Hearings) for individuals who had been arrested in Hamilton County. My associates were Arvin Foland, Gregory Caldwell, David Northam, Perry Meek, Michael Farrar, Thomas Fitzgerald, Charles J. Posvar, Bryan J. Bernstein, and Thomas Whitsitt. My employer was Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney C. Donald Dawson.

***Law Clerk at Campbell Kyle Proffitt, Noblesville, Indiana:*** I performed research and investigated and reviewed potential and existing civil and criminal lawsuits for all of the partners in the firm. In addition, I was assigned to John Kyle, then Noblesville City Attorney, and I drafted ordinances for the City of Noblesville. The partners in this firm were Frank Campbell, Robert Campbell, John Kyle, John Proffitt, Stephen Cook, and Douglas Floyd. My employer was the law firm.

***Attorney/General Practitioner, Kitley Shreckengast & Davis, Beech Grove, Indiana:*** I met with civil and criminal clients and drafted pleadings and/or required documents. I performed research and investigated and reviewed potential and existing civil and criminal lawsuits for all partners in the firm. In addition to being assigned various case files from the partners, I acquired my own clients and maintained a client list of approximately 125 individuals or entities. The law firm had several insurance companies as clients, and it was my responsibility to file suit for or defend individuals who were insured by those companies in various accident cases. I was also assigned to a partner to help in the presentation

of their cases. Some of the areas of law in which I represented plaintiffs or defendants were: contracts, negligence, zoning, real estate (contracts for the sale and purchase, issued title opinions, deeds and closing documents, etc.), criminal defense, probate and estate planning, and dissolution matters. I also conducted discovery concerning these matters. I tried numerous Bench Trials in Marion and other counties and one criminal Jury Trial in Hendricks County. The partners were John Kitley, William Schreckengast, Glenn Davis, Sr., and office mates were Glenn Davis, Jr., and Milo Gray. My employer was the law firm.

*Chief Trial Deputy Prosecutor in Hamilton County:* In addition to some of the above-stated Investigator duties, I met with law enforcement agencies to review reports and prepare pending cases for trial. I established a procedure for the office to assist police during their investigations. Previously, the procedure was to have the police independently investigate without communication with the prosecutor and then present their investigation to the prosecutor for review. This procedure caused inefficiency and fostered inequities in the system. I believed that if a prosecutor could be involved in the initial stages of the investigation, it would enable the police to establish a better case, or it could eliminate the unnecessary arrest of individuals and the filing of unwarranted Charging Informations. I determined whether charges should be filed, and if so, whether by Charging Information or by my presentation to the Grand Jury. I tried numerous criminal Jury and Bench Trials. My associates were Arvin Foland, Stephen K. Andrews, and Joseph P. Murdock. My employer was Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney C. Donald Dawson.

*Prosecuting Attorney of Hamilton County:* In addition to the above-stated prosecutorial duties, in four terms I tried 57 Jury Trials, and attained 57 convictions. I also tried numerous Bench Trials attaining convictions and had an extensive hearing practice as to all cases. I established training for police and fire agencies in procedures to be used at crime scenes and for presentation of evidence in a courtroom. I also established a procedure for the office involving all major felony investigations in which either myself or a deputy was on-call to assist the police. I selected and trained police officers in each of the major police departments to review investigations of their officers before presentation to the Prosecutor's Office. This assisted in a better preparation of cases for review. I administered the Prosecutor's Office, and coordinated the office with police agencies and other Hamilton County, City, Town and Township elected officials and other State agencies. I provided civil enforcement for various agencies pursuant to Statute (Health Department, Trustees, etc.) Also, I coordinated with Emergency Room personnel and hospital staffs concerning evidentiary issues. I argued before the Indiana Court of Appeals and Supreme Court to uphold convictions and in support of the

constitutionality of the Grand Jury Statute. I served as Special Prosecutor in several counties of the State of Indiana. I also held all the offices, including Chairman, of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council. As an official elected to protect the citizens of Hamilton County, I also felt it was my responsibility to go outside of the office and the courtroom and interact with the community. I coordinated with school personnel extensively as to their needs in maintaining children in school and handling disruptions in the classroom. I helped create and fund Prevail, an organization to help victims of crime. I did not make my involvement known in this program because I believed that a person who would not turn to the police for assistance would also be inclined to turn away from a program that was sponsored by the prosecutor. Although the program has helped bring about some convictions, the primary focus was always to provide support and comfort to crime victims. I started children's programs such as LEAPP (Linking Early Adolescent Prevention Program), so as to provide services to children and their families prior to the children's involvement in the juvenile justice system. I started the OSS Program (Out-of-School Suspension) to curtail children from getting into trouble when they were either suspended or expelled from school. In addition to LEAPP, I started an alternative school at Noblesville to help students who were being expelled or dropping out of school to earn a high school diploma. I formed the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Task Force and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs in an attempt to eliminate drug and alcohol involvement by Hamilton County youth and to instill leadership in young people in this area. For positive reinforcement to young people who are not involved in the Juvenile Justice system and who have contributed time and talents to make Hamilton County a better place in which to live, I joined with the Hamilton County Commissioners in a Special Recognition program honoring these young people, providing awards and a scholarship to deserving individuals. I helped form in coordination with law enforcement agencies the Hamilton-Boone Drug Task Force. Over the course of sixteen years, my office mates were: Up to nine Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys at any given time, and a staff of 25. Of my former Deputy Prosecutors, three are now Judges, one is an elected Prosecutor, and two are Chief Deputy Prosecutors. My employer: The citizens of Hamilton County and the State of Indiana, as this was an elected position.

*Judge of Hamilton Superior Court No. 1:* From January 1, 1995 through March 31, 2010, I have served the citizens of Hamilton County and this State by resolving 29,387 cases, including in excess of 120 Jury Trials. This Court is presently maintaining approximately 2,973 pending cases, not including redocketed cases. In addition to the growing number of cases, such cases have increased in their complexity and pleading volume. I am the Department Head for this Court, overseeing all day-to-day

operations. I interact with the other nine Judges, Commissioners, and Magistrate in Hamilton County, as well as other elected officials. I am in the process of modifying LEAPP (Linking Early Adolescent Prevention Program) to YAP (Youth Assistance Program) in Westfield, Indiana, to attempt to reduce the number of children that become involved in the Juvenile Justice system. This is a pilot project, and it is our hope that it can be expanded to all other school districts in Hamilton County and throughout the State. I have served as Special Judge in several counties of the State of Indiana. In addition to my law clerks who now have successful law practices, one former law clerk is now an Elected Prosecutor, and another is presently a law clerk for the Indiana Court of Appeals. My employer: The citizens of Hamilton County and the State of Indiana, as this is an elected position. I am in my sixteenth year as Judge, and my present term will end December 31, 2012.

- C. Describe the extent of your jury experience, if any.

As shown above, I have extensive experience working with both Grand Juries and Petit Juries, from the perspectives of civil and criminal trial attorney, Deputy and Prosecuting Attorney, and Judge.

- D. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your judicial experience, including a description of your experience presiding over jury trials, if any.

My experience as Judge of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1 (a general jurisdiction court) has given me the opportunity to hear cases of all descriptions: Contracts, negligence, torts, injunctions, declaratory judgments, probate, mental commitment, criminal, juveniles, adoptions, guardianships, dissolutions, paternities, name changes, medical and legal malpractice, and corporate dissolutions. The bench and jury trials have ranged from 1-day to approximately 3-weeks.

- VI. A. If applicable, list by caption, case number, and filing date up to five of your trial or appellate briefs and/or written judicial opinions.

***Certain Southeast, North, and West Geist, Involuntary Territory Landowners v. Town of Fishers, Indiana, Cause No. 29D01-0804-MI-000497, December 31, 2008.***

***Conseco Services, LLC v. James D. Massey and Margaret E. Massey, Cause No. 29D01-0406-CC-000477, May 19, 2009.***

***Patricia Jakupko, Nicholas Jakupko, and Matthew Jakupko v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Cause No. 29D01-0308-CT-000682, January 18, 2006.***

***Norman Timberlake v. State of Indiana, Cause No. 49G02-9302-CR-14191, December 27, 1999.***

***In the Matter of the Supervised Administration of the Estate of Lawrence W. Inlow, Deceased, Cause No. 29D02-9705-ES-000060 (case pending).***

- B. If applicable, list up to five legislative drafts or court rules you have written or to which you contributed significantly. Refer to them by official citation, by date, and by subject matter.

**During my years as Prosecutor, I worked on several pieces of legislation to amend or improve various Statutes, such as Crime Scene Techniques, Welfare Fraud, Endangered Adults, Missing Children/Confinement, and Victims Assistance.**

**Early in my first term as Prosecutor, I redrafted the Uniform Traffic Ticket (UTT) for the State of Indiana. Also, I served on the committee to redraft Driving Under the Influence forms to reduce time spent completing forms, thus providing the officer more time to patrol the road. Hamilton County was the pilot county for use of the new forms.**

**As Judge, I developed a Rule for Hamilton County on Deadly Weapons in the Courthouse. Also, I drafted with other members of the Probation Committee rules concerning intrastate transfers of probationers. I was part of the Supreme Court Committee that drafted an Administrative Rule for Public Access to Court Records. I am a member of the Supreme Court Records Management Committee, which deals with modifications of various trial and administrative rules. I worked on the statutory scheme for Protective Orders prior to the present structure of the law.**



**Finally, I have submitted amendments for the CASA/GAL statutes for consideration by the upcoming legislature.**

C. If applicable, list up to five of your contributions to legal journals or other legal publications. Provide titles, official citations, and a brief description of the subject matter.

**In my first term as elected Prosecutor, I coordinated the procedures to be used between the police agencies and the prosecutor's office concerning the rights of small businesses in Hamilton County. I published and distributed a manual to effect the cooperation between these entities.**

**I also developed a course for the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy concerning Endangered Adults.**

**I conducted and prepared numerous programs with materials for Prosecuting Attorneys, police, firemen, Judges, and CLE courses (1978 to present).**

**Finally, I developed and wrote procedures for evidence technicians and crime scene protocol.**

D. Include with your application copies of any four of the written materials listed above in Section VI. A., B., and C.

**(See Tab "WRITTEN JUDICIAL OPINIONS.")**

E. Describe the nature and extent of any *pro bono* legal services you have contributed.

**While in private practice, I donated time to assist individuals and organizations within the community who needed legal services. Since coming to the bench, I work with the other judges in Hamilton County to provide quality attorneys for *pro bono* civil and criminal representation.**

F. Identify the five most significant legal matters entrusted to you whether as a judge or lawyer, and describe why you believe them to be so.

**1. *Matters involving children in dissolutions, CHINS, and juvenile delinquency.* For a litigator, Judge and Prosecutor, matters involving children are always significant. These cases are difficult because they are emotional and the people involved have difficulty in testifying as to the facts without having their beliefs or emotions shape their answers. It is therefore important to have an active CASA/GAL program in order to get an objective statement of the facts. In some cases, a remedy is needed that will protect the children from the very people who should be giving them love and support. In other cases, parenting time coordinators can help coordinate services and help parents get beyond the anger of their dissolution so that they can again see what is in the best interests of the children. The courts should do everything possible to see that children enjoy a nurturing and happy childhood despite a traumatic event. The challenge in this area is to find services and monies for such services for indigent families as these children deserve equal attention. In juvenile court matters, it is important to have available to children good risk assessment and mental health evaluations to develop a proper program to deal with the child's negative behavior, and to provide, when needed, services to the parents.**

**2. *Matters involving economics of a community.* For a litigator and a Judge, cases involving economic matters are significant because of the impact they have on the community. Decisions concerning contracts are needed to establish how agreements between people will be enforced. Decisions concerning negligence cases are needed to regulate the actions of people in the community and to determine where the costs should be placed. Decisions have to be consistent and predictable within the individual case or case type so that people will be able to understand what is required of them and attorneys will be able to counsel properly. If there is no predictability, businesses, professionals and individuals will not wish to remain or develop within the community.**



3. *Matters protecting citizens.* As Prosecutor, the most significant issue was to protect the citizens of Hamilton County. I believe that a community can only be adequately protected when the police and Prosecutor's office are the guardians of the rights of not only the victims, but also the defendants. Before a criminal prosecution should proceed, the facts and evidence must satisfactorily overcome the presumption of evidence. The goal that I had as Prosecutor in any criminal prosecution was two-fold: (a) That other individuals who wished to commit similar crimes in Hamilton County would be deterred by the prosecution of similar defendants and (b) that the individual defendants, due to the way they were treated in the system, would not commit any other crimes or victimize any other individuals. In some cases this would mean probation and programming, but in other cases it may require the severest penalty appropriate under the law.

4. *Matters to improve the justice system.* As a Prosecutor and as a Judge, I believe that we have a duty as elected officials to improve the justice system. We need to provide a justice system where people may come to fairly and quickly resolve their disputes. We need to provide mediation so as to reduce the stress to the litigants and time needed for the resolution of issues. We must also be constantly looking for new and innovative ways to help prevent people from entering the juvenile or criminal justice system. The old concept that the threat of punishment will deter individuals or that punishment alone will correct improper behavior or criminal activity is no longer viable today. If a person is addicted to drugs and is not provided services to help cope with that addiction, it will not make any difference if he or she is incarcerated for six months or ten years. The new concept we are trying in Hamilton County is to provide services at the earliest stage prior to being involved in the justice system. This can be accomplished through youth programs such as the Youth Assistance Program that provides services through mentors and tutors so that children will stay in school and stay out of trouble. In looking at the costs of incarceration, I believe we need to take action to decrease the number of people going to prison rather than just focusing on helping them after they are in prison. With the permission of the Chief Justice and in conjunction with the other Justices, I would hope to continue in these endeavors.

5. *Matters involving conduct of proceedings in the courtroom.* Finally, I believe that because the courtroom is often filled with tension, the Judge must treat the litigants and their attorneys with courtesy. Demonstrating courtesy, in all but a few cases, will permit the litigants to feel they are receiving a fair hearing and will receive a fair resolution. To a litigant, their case is the most important case in the court, and I have always tried to keep that in mind as I hear their case. It is also important to give

litigants the option of alternate dispute resolution so that the litigants can quickly resolve their differences. We also need to continue to review procedures to ensure what is the best procedure or forum to be used when dealing with *pro se* litigation.

G. Provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three attorneys who have been your professional adversaries in your practice or who have litigated substantial cases in your court and who would be in positions to comment on your qualifications for appointment to the Indiana Supreme Court.

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**Suite 300**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**  
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**J. Gregory Garrison**  
**8720 Castle Creek Parkway**  
**Suite 200**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46250**  
**317.842.8283**

- VII. A. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) toward the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice.

**Speaker, Visiting Nurse Service, Inc. "Children Cope With Divorce"**

***Amici Universitatis* Recognition, University of Indianapolis, for being an Adjunct Professor and teaching for several years.**

**Speaker, Pro Bono Program, Legal Services Organization of Indiana, Inc. "Hearings or Settlement? Provisional, Final, Contempt Issues."**

**Former Member, Task Force on Public Access to Court Records.**

**Served as Mentor for new prosecutors.**

**Served as Mentor Judge for new judges.**

**Speaker, Meeting of Hamilton County Prosecutors Office. "The Importance of the Prosecutor in the Legal System: From the File Clerk to the Most Experienced Deputy."**

**Worked with schools to establish the Hamilton County Out-Of-School Suspension Program to reduce the number of students experiencing delinquency issues while suspended.**

**Graduation Speaker, Hamilton County Community Corrections, numerous times.**

**Speaker in law classes in all Hamilton County school districts, and assisted Carmel and Hamilton Heights with Mock Trials.**

**Speaker, Light of Hope Event for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Noblesville, Indiana.**

**Recognition by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and Prevail for community leadership and service.**

**Graduation Speaker, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Plainfield, Indiana, and served as Lecturer on numerous other occasions.**

**Established the Endangered Adult Protection Team to assist endangered adults in Hamilton County.**

**Helped to establish and speaker at Noblesville's Alternative School. This school was developed to prevent students from dropping out of school and to earn a high school diploma.**

**Coordinated efforts to provide programming for students in the juvenile justice system.**

**Helped establish the Hamilton County Youth Task Force, which focuses on youth issues, and the Hamilton County Leadership Conference which helps develop leaders in the school to help eliminate alcohol and drugs among young people.**

**Conducted seminars in Hamilton County and published a manual for small business owners concerning their rights. Distributed this manual to police and prosecutor personnel and coordinated their efforts in response to any business complaints.**

**Speaker at Attorney General Conference for Prosecutors concerning the death penalty, trial tactics, trial of OWI cases, welfare laws, and the role of prosecution.**

**Conducted seminars on proper investigatory techniques for child abuse and domestic violence cases.**

**Planned a program for newly-elected prosecutors concerning needs of a prosecutor's office and how to effectively help the citizens within their counties.**

**Helped establish Hamilton County "CrimeStoppers" and "Neighborhood Crime Watch".**

**Assisted Indiana University Law School students in mock trials for Trial Advocacy course.**

**Speaker for Graduation Ceremonies in several Hamilton County D.A.R.E. Programs.**

**As Prosecutor, I worked with Dr. Don Marlin to establish protocols and procedures for presentation of evidence in criminal prosecutions requiring forensic dentistry.**

B. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) concerning civic, political, or social issues.

**Worked to establish PREVAIL: a victim assistance organization in Hamilton County for victims of elderly abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, rape, and other violent crimes.**

**Coached Noblesville Grinders Football (Grades 4, 5 & 6), Noblesville Elementary Soccer League, and Noblesville Baseball League.**

**Worked to establish the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Task Force and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, so as to reduce the abuse of alcohol and drugs.**

**Speaker, Hamilton County Legacy Fund Workshop for School Guidance Counselors: Summit on Underage Drinking. "Our Efforts Today Will Make a Difference for Tomorrow"**

**Speaker, Indiana Youth Services Assistance (IYSA): "A Look at Youth Programs Available in Hamilton County"**

**Speaker, Middle School Youth Summit: "Developing the Voice of Indiana Youth"**

**Established the Hamilton County Linking Early Adolescent Prevention Program (LEAPP), to provide services at the earliest point to children and their families. This program is now being converted to the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program.**

**Speaker, Linking Early Adolescent Prevention Program (LEAPP): "You are Important: Your Words or Actions Today May Influence Millions of People Tomorrow"**

**Established with the Westfield Mayor, the Superintendent of Westfield-Washington School District, and the community, the Westfield Youth Assistance Program. This program is a pilot program which we hope to expand to all other school districts in Hamilton County and possibly the State.**

**In the process of developing a mentoring program for individuals incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail, by using a program developed by The Jehoshua House for individuals in the prison system.**

**Speaker, National Day of Prayer.**

**Served on Committee for Hamilton County Emergency Housing**

**Served on Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana**

**Speaker, Military Officer Association of America: "Hamilton County Court System."**

**Established Hamilton County Civil Defense and/or countywide Response Team.**

**Worked with youth in Hamilton County in various programs (Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)**

**Church work: Have served as Elder; Sunday School Teacher; President of the Congregation; Lecturer to confirmation candidates on legal and civic issues; and substitute for pastor, delivering the message on Sunday morning.**

**Former Member, Constitutional Committee for Indiana Lutheran District.**

C. List any memberships and offices you have held in civic or charitable organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

**All dates are approximate.**

**Chairman in 1984 of Hamilton County United Way. Worked with projects in the United Way and Community Service Council. Chairman of the Committee for Establishment of Local United Way Office 1985-86, and served on the Advisory Board of the United Way.**

**Former Member, Noblesville Kiwanis 1984-1994.**

**Former Board Member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Noblesville (1990-2000).**

**Former Member, Board of Directors, American Red Cross of Hamilton County (1982-1988).**

**Former Chairman, Hamilton County Traffic Safety Task Force. (1984-1989).**

**Member and presently hold a position on the Executive Board of Directors of the Noblesville Elementary Football League. Also, a former Board of Directors, Member, and President, Secretary, and Advisor to the Board of the League. (1982 to present).**

**Member and current President, Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, part of the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana. (1989 to present).**



D. List any memberships and offices you have held in professional organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

**All dates are approximate.**

**Appointed by Governor Otis Bowen to State and Regional Law Enforcement Assistant Association (LEAA) (1980).**

**Appointed by Governor Robert Orr to serve on Criminal Law Study Commission; served on Adult and Juvenile Sub-Committee.**

**Elected by Prosecutors across the State to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC), 1979; elected to the positions of Secretary/Treasurer in 1983, Vice Chairman in 1984, and Chairman in 1985 and 1986. Served as Chairman of Computer Committee. Served on the Committee for Legal Review and on the Ethics Committee.**

**Established and served as Chairman of the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Task Force, involving programs such as Alcohol Countermeasures, School Traffic Safety, Non-Motor Traffic Safety, Occupant Restraint, and Roadway Environment. (1984-1989).**

**Former Board of Directors Member and Treasurer, Hamilton County Fraternal Order of Police. (1977-1994).**

**Member, Committee on Character and Fitness, Indiana Supreme Court. (1993 to present).**

**Member, Indiana Judges Association. (1995 to present).**

**Former Member and Chairperson, Judicial Ethics Committee, Judicial Conference of Indiana.**

**Member, Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. (1995 to present).**

**Member, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. (1995 to present).**

**Member, American Judicature Society.**

**Probation Committee, Judicial Conference of Indiana. (2007 to present).**

**Member, Hamilton County Bar Association.**

**Member, Indiana State Bar Association.**

**Member, Records Management Committee, Indiana Supreme Court, and  
Chairperson, Trial Rule 77 Sub-Committee.**

E. List any memberships you hold in social clubs or organizations. If any restrict its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, please describe your efforts within the organization to eliminate restrictions.

**Former Member and Officer in the Hamilton County Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). This organization did not pose any of the above restrictions on its membership.**

F. Indicate your experience teaching law, and provide the dates, names of institutions or programs, and a description of the subject matter taught.

**All dates are approximate.**

**Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Plainfield, Indiana. Recognized Guest Lecturer. Taught courses on Evidence Collecting and Presentation, Endangered Adults, and Elderly Abuse. (1984-1994).**

**University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana. Adjunct Professor. Taught Paralegal Studies: Legal Research and Writing, and Business Law (Master's Program); and Course on Civil Rights Act. (1983-1994).**

**Indiana University/Purdue University. Guest Lecturer on journalism concerning media and public officials, and on criminal law. (2003-2005)**

**Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC): Other courses taught to statewide Prosecuting Attorneys. (Pre-1995).**

**Legal Services Organization of Indiana, Inc., *Pro Bono* Program: Lecturer: "Hearings or Settlement? Provisional, Final, Contempt Issues." (1998).**

**Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, local police agencies and fire departments in Hamilton County. In-Service Training by teaching courses on Evidence Collecting and Presentation; Protocols for Coroners' Evidence Collection; Forensic Dentistry; Arson Investigation; Hospital Protocol for Blood-Drawing and Evidence Gathering; Report Writing; and Trial Presentation of Evidence. Conducted mock trials. Some of these courses were also attended by officers from other jurisdictions. (1977-1994).**

**Indiana Law School: Served as Judge in Trial Practice Course and for Moot Court. (1995 to present).**

**Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Reserves: Lecturer: "What is Needed by the Prosecutor and the Court from the Police?" (2009).**

**Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education. Taught as follows:**

<b>7/26/95</b>	<b>Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF): Juristic Park-Hamilton County</b>
<b>9/11/96</b>	<b>Indiana Judicial Center (IJC): Speaker at Annual Meeting of the Indiana Judicial Conference</b>
<b>10/17/96</b>	<b>Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC): Domestic Violence</b>
<b>11/22/96</b>	<b>IJC: New Judges Pre-Bench Orientation</b>
<b>1/22/97</b>	<b>IJC: New Judges Orientation</b>
<b>7/18/97</b>	<b>IJC: City &amp; Town Court Judges Annual Meeting</b>
<b>5/6/98</b>	<b>ICLEF: Civil Discovery: Tough Issues Argued</b>
<b>5/21/98</b>	<b>IJC: Recent Legislation</b>
<b>5/28/98</b>	<b>Indiana Legal Services, Inc.: How to Do a Divorce &amp; Introductory Aspects of Family Law</b>
<b>11/20/98</b>	<b>IJC: New Judges Pre-Bench Orientation</b>
<b>1/26/99</b>	<b>IJC: Orientation for New Juvenile Judges</b>
<b>12/6/00</b>	<b>ICLEF: Indiana Judges on Indiana Evidence: The Tough Issues</b>
<b>12/7/00</b>	<b>IJC: New Judge Pre-Bench Orientation</b>
<b>9/12/01</b>	<b>IJC: Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference</b>
<b>1/30/03</b>	<b>ICLEF: Adoptions &amp; Contested Issues</b>
<b>1/24/06</b>	<b>ICLEF: Contested Adoptions-How to Avoid, Try and Appeal</b>
<b>11/3/06</b>	<b>Boone County Bar Association: Opening and Closing Bench and Jury Trials</b>

**11/7/08**

**National Business Institute Trial Practice/Judicial  
Forum: Presenter: A View From Their Bench:  
Evidence and Expert Testimony Best Practices**

**2/20/09**

**Meridian Psychological Associates, PC:  
Psychological Testing and the Law**

G. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.

**I enjoy traveling and being with my wife, walking, enjoying my grandson  
and family, and an occasional game of golf or racquetball.**

- VIII. A. Provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references other than those listed in Section VI. G.

**Stephen Goldsmith**  
**Deputy Mayor**  
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**V. Sue Shields**  
**206 Sandbrook Circle**  
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**317.867.5911**

B. Provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three personal references other than those listed in VI. G.

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**Executive Director**  
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C. List any lawsuits or legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, including bankruptcies and dissolutions, to which you have been a party. Provide dates, case numbers, names of other parties, and, if needed, a brief explanation.

**I have been named in only one lawsuit, which was my divorce in Hendricks County in 1980, entitled *Donna J. Nation v. Steven R. Nation*, Cause No. C80-028. I am excluding the cases in which I was named where statute requires the Prosecuting Attorney to be named, and/or where people filed lawsuits against me as Prosecuting Attorney which were defended by the Attorney General and were ultimately dismissed.**

D. If you ever have been arrested or cited for any violation of the law other than for routine traffic violations, provide dates, jurisdictions, and an explanation of the event and its resolution.

**None.**

E. If you are or have been a member of the Bar of any other state, identify the jurisdiction and provide dates.

**None.**

F. If you have been disciplined or cautioned, formally or informally, by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, by the Indiana Supreme Court, or by similar entities in any other jurisdiction, identify each instance by date, case number if applicable, and describe the circumstances and the nature of the outcome or resolution.

**As Prosecutor, I remember having only one complaint filed against me by the father of an individual I was prosecuting for murder. As Judge, there have been approximately 18 individuals involved in litigation in my court who have subsequently filed complaints against me. These complaints have been reviewed and have all been determined to be unfounded and not a deviation from the Code of Ethics. Every such complaint has been closed without any action against me.**

G. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize and explain.

**None.**



IX. A. Attach a recent statement from your physician describing your general physical condition.

B. Within the past three years, have you been diagnosed or treated for an emotional or mental condition or illness, including any condition that involves treatment for drug or alcohol use? If so, provide the dates of assessment and/or treatment and the names and addresses of your doctors or other treatment providers.

C. Are you able to perform the essential functions of Justice on the Indiana Supreme Court, with or without accommodation?

**Yes, I am able to perform such functions without accommodation.**

June 29, 2010  
DATE

Steven R. Nation  
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Steven R. Nation  
PRINTED NAME

## WAIVER AND STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned applicant authorizes the release to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission or its staff or agents any records, reports, and documents, whether or not otherwise confidential, which may be requested by the Commission in the performance of its evaluations of candidates pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2. The scope of this authorization extends to, but is not necessarily limited to, requests from the Commission for Federal, State or local tax records, criminal and driving histories from any jurisdiction, attorney and judicial disciplinary records from any jurisdiction, whether pending or closed, and credit reports and histories. The undersigned releases and discharges the Judicial Nominating Commission, its individual members, its employees, agents and representatives, the Indiana State Police, the Indiana Department of Revenue, the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and any other agency or person or their agents or representatives providing information to the Commission from any and all liability arising from the furnishing and use of information concerning the undersigned applicant.

The undersigned agrees and understands that the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission or its members, agents, or employees, may interview or otherwise consult with members of the legal, judicial, and general community concerning the professional qualifications and the integrity of the applicant, that the name of the applicant will be released by the Commission upon its receipt of the application and this waiver, and that if, pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(d), the applicant is given further consideration as a candidate after the Commission's initial screening of candidates, or if no such screening occurs and all applicants are considered, the application will be made public. This waiver does not constitute an election by the applicant pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(g)(3)(C) to authorize the release of investigatory records which are excepted from public inspection pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(g)(1) and (2).

The undersigned agrees to immediately supplement this application upon any event or circumstance substantially affecting any answer provided in the application.

The undersigned acknowledges having read the Instructions attached to the application.

The undersigned agrees to resign from office or membership in any political organization upon submission of this application.

The undersigned affirms that, if nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission to the Governor and thereafter appointed to this judicial office, the candidate will accept the appointment.

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